Amendments to the Abstract

Please **add** the following Abstract to this application.

-- A system for inserting alert based information into broadcast programming over a program distribution network. A program distributor (18) transmits broadcast programming over program distribution network via a network fabric (20). When program distributor (18) receives alert based information, the program distributor (18) converts the alert information from a first format to a second format compatible with the broadcast programming and the program distributor (18) inserts the converted alert into a signal carrying the broadcast programming via the network fabric (20). A method is also disclosed for inserting alert based information into a broadcast programming transmitted over a program distribution network. --